

**TWENTY-NINTH**

**ANNIVERSARY**

**OF THE**

**Seneca Baptist Association,**

**HELD IN THE MEETING-HOUSE**

**OF THE**

**BAPTIST CHURCH IN COVERT, SENECA Co., N. Y.**

**October, 2d & 3d, 1850.**

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**JAMES McLALLEN, Esq.,**

**Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Trumansburg, N. Y.**

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**ITHACA, N. Y.:**

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# MINUTES.

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The Association assembled according to adjournment October 2d, 1850, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the meeting house of the Baptist church in Covert.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. David Taylor, from Matt. 24 : 45-6.

At the close of the sermon the Association then proceeded to the election of its officers, and the following brethren were chosen. T. S. Sheardown, Moderator, Wm. Cormac, and H. West, Clerks.

On motion, the following brethren were nominated and elected a committee on religious exercises: C. Wardner, D. Taylor.

In compliance with the rules of order, visiting brethren were invited to participate with us, in the deliberations of the Association.

The committee on religious exercises reported progress, and recommended that Bro. Mallory, preach in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Bro. Read, in the evening. After some remarks on its propriety, the motion was sustained and adopted.

After a short time, the same committee, reported still farther : that Bro. Carpenter be requested to preach in behalf of the convention, which was adopted.

Adjourned, prayer by Bro. Hascall, of Geneva.

## Afternoon Session.

Met according to adjournment : prayer by Wm. Carmac, of Ithaca.

Committee on religious exercises reported and recommended, that Bro. A. Bennet be requested to preach a sermon on the death of Adoniram Judson, D. D., which was sustained and adopted.

The Letters from the respective Churches were then read, from which the sub-joined Tabular view is prepared.

## TABULAR VIEW OF THE ASSOCIATION.

| CHURCHES<br>AND<br>CLERKS.      | PASTORS AND DELEGATES.  | BAPTIZED. | RECEIVED<br>BY LETTER. | RESTORED. | DISMISSED<br>BY LETTER. | EXCLUDED. | DIED. | TOTAL. |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| BEREAN,<br>John Northrop.       | { Ira Bower,<br>John Northrup.<br>E. Wardner, Pastor; Rev'd J. P.<br>Woodworth; Deacons B. Ar-<br>rowsmith and W. Johnson;<br>Brn. A. Hopkins, T. Osborn.                       | 1         | 2                      |           | 7                       | 1         |       | *66    |
| COVERT.<br>G. Dickerson.        | { J. G. Cownhoven, Licentiate; I.<br>Force, H. Dakin.   | 1         | 6                      |           | 8                       | 2         | 2     | 220    |
| DANBY,<br>S. Smith.             | { C. Nelson, Pastor; Deacon R.<br>Rolfe. and Bro. S. P. Sackett.  | 1         |                        | 2         |                         |           |       | 28     |
| ENFIELD,<br>S. P. Sackett.      | { W. McCarthy, Pastor; A. J. El-<br>lis, Licentiate; Deacons, J.<br>Boorum, and Covert; Brn. N.<br>Rappleye, L. Holton, L. Perigo,<br>L. Wheaton, B. Basset, J. P.<br>Rappleye. |           | 2                      |           | 2                       | 1         | 1     | 50     |
| FARMERVILLE,<br>J. P. Rappleye. |   |           | 1                      |           | 5                       |           |       | 130    |

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| FIRST HECTOR,<br>S. M. Sackett.  | 1  | 1  | 76  | 1 | 76  |
| Lodi,<br>J. DeMott Miller.   | 1  | 1  | 99  | 1 | 99  |
| MECKLENBURG.<br>A. H. Ellis.   |    |    |     |   | 163 |
| NEWFIELD.<br>J. Grenely.   | 6  | 6  | 36  | 1 | 36  |
| OVID.<br>J. Dunlop.  |    | 2  | 107 | 1 | 107 |
| PEACH ORCHARD,<br>A. Hanly.  | 4  | 4  | 45  |   | 45  |
| READING,<br>D. S. Osmun,   | 10 | 2  | 99  | 1 | 99  |
| ROMULUS,<br>E. Gardner,  | 1  | 3  | 109 | 1 | 109 |
| TRUMANSBURG,<br>G. T. Spink,   | 1  | 10 | 209 | 4 | 209 |
| FIRST ITHACA,<br>H. Hill,  |    |    |     |   |     |
| T. R. Clark, Pastor ; Deacons G. Becker, C. Sackett ; Brn. H. Becker, C. M. Sackett.                       |    |    |     |   |     |
| Loran Wade, Pastor ; Deacon A. Lyons and Hinckley ; W. Car ; J. Van Vleet, J. Gray, Licentiate.            |    |    |     |   |     |
| H. West, Pastor ; J. Smith, O. Sears, H. T. Owen, Deacons ; Br'n G. Grant, J. R. Neate, W. B. Spalding.    |    |    |     |   |     |
| H. N. Dean, E. Johnson, S. D. Brown, C. Root.  |    |    |     |   |     |
| D. Taylor, Pastor ; H. Bloomer, J. Pursol, G. Dunlop, J. L. Bloomer, J. Dunlop.                            |    |    |     |   |     |
| H. R. Dakin, Pastor ; A. Hanley.   |    |    |     |   |     |
| F. Donaldson, Pastor ; Deacons T. J. Hanly, R. Holden, A. Sutton, A. B. Tanner, D. C. Culver, D. S. Osmun. |    |    |     |   |     |
| J. Fargo, jr. Pastor ; N. W. Tollewell, Licentiate ; W. Terry.   |    |    |     |   |     |
| C. L. Bacon, Pastor ; Deacons J. King, D. B. Ayres, H. King, J. McLallen, D. Farrington.                   |    |    |     |   |     |
| W. Cormac, Pastor ; Deacons G. Covert, I. Earl, T. Drake, E. Sydney, R. A. Henry, H. Hill.                 |    |    |     |   |     |

LAKE RIDGE,  
N. Niverson,  
JEFFERSON,  
A. Wilson:

{ George Plumer, Pastor ; H.  
Smith.  
{ T. S. Sheardown, Pastor ; A.  
Bellamy, J. Moshier.

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\* 42, Resident. 24, Non-resident.

## MINUTES.

The Committees necessary to transact Associational business, were then appointed.

*To Appraise Domestic Goods*—Bro. Arrowsmith, D. Ellis, & G. T. Spink.

*On the State of Religion*—West, Cormac, Clark.

*Prudential Committee*—Bro. Baron, Taylor, Fargo, Plumer, War-  
den, & Dakin.

*Auditing Committee*—Folwell, Sackett.

# ASSOCIATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

## Received Minutes from

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Genesee River,    | Buffalo,                |
| Tioga,            | Niagara,                |
| New-York,         | Rensselaerville,        |
| Washington Union, | Yates,                  |
| Otsego,           | Cattaraugus,            |
| Worcester,        | Orleans,                |
| Hudson River,     | Madison,                |
| Dutchess,         | Kalmazoo River, Mich.,  |
| Cayuga,           | Elkhart River, Indiana. |

## Associational Correspondence with Benevolent Societies.

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|---------------------------------------|
| Annual Report of A. B. M. Union,      |
| “ “ A. & F. Bible Society,            |
| “ “ A. B. H. M. Society,              |
| “ “ B. M. Convention ,                |
| Constitution of American Bible Union. |

## Delegates Received.

- Chemung River.*—Brn. Brockman, B. Carpenter.  
*Ontario.*—Brn. Carpenter, Hascall.  
*Genesee River.*—Brn. B. Halsted, B. Read.

## Delegates Sent.

- Buffalo.*—Brn. Bacon, Wardner, Sheardown, West.  
*Wayne.*—Wade, Fargo, West.  
*Cortland.*—Clark, West, Covenhoven.

*Resolved,* That we send Minutes to the Associations with which we usually correspond.

## *Standing Resolution of the Association.*

*Resolved,* That any member of this body who may attend associations with which we correspond, shall be considered our delegate, provided he presents a copy of our Minutes containing his name.

**Evening Session.**

Met for divine service, and after the exercises were concluded, adjourned to meet at half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

*Thursday Morning.*

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Brockman, of Chemung, Penn., Association.

The committee on the state of religion were called upon to report—Report accepted and adopted.

**REPORT.**

The committee on the state of religion, beg leave to report ; that, in looking over the letters from the respective churches, we are satisfied that the past year, has not been one of such signal displays of divine power, in the salvation of souls as some former years have been. Yet a few mercy drops have fallen upon some of our churches ; which has somewhat increased their zeal and spirituality.

There has been, we regret to say, a decrease of liberality. The various benevolent objects we profess to sustain, have not been sufficiently supported, but this may be partly accounted for, by the efforts in most of our churches, to contribute for the endowment of the Rochester University. But still we believe, this will not operate, as a serious draw-back, in the great and glorious work, of diffusing the gospel, throughout the world.

The committee sincerely hope that the year upon which we are now about to enter, may be one of vigorous effort, to come up and fully meet the additional demands made upon us, by the enlargement of our missionary operations, in a foreign field : for we are certain from past experience, that withholding more than is meet tendeth to poverty, and that our prosperity may be measured by our benevolence. Let us be faithful with what we have, and more will be given ; that Zion may be greatly enlarged, her cords lengthened and her stakes strengthened.



Thus with greatly enlarged hearts, we shall be both able and willing, to replenish the Lord's treasury to that degree, that there may be no lack; but a full treasury for all our benevolent societies.

Respectfully submitted,

H. WEST, Ch'n Committee.

The Prudential Committee submit the following as their report:

1. That the next anniversary of this body be held with the church in Romulus.

2. That Brother C. L. Bacon, preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. W. Cormac, be his alternate.

3. That Bro. D. Taylor write the circular letter.

4. That Bro. James McLallen be Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

5. That Bros. C. L. Bacon, T. R. Clark, T. S. Sheardown, and D. Taylor, be our Delegates to the Convention.

6. That Bros. W. Cormac, H. West, and C. L. Bacon, be our Directors in the Convention.

7. That Bro. J. Fargo, Jr. be designated as a Life Member of A. B. M. Union.

8. That Bro. C. Wardner, be designated as a Life Member of the A. F. Bible Society.

9. The Committee further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1st. Resolved, That we have heard with profound sensibility of the death of our Senior Missionary to Burmah, Rev. Adoniram Judson, D. D., and that while we bow submissively, to the decree of Divine Providence by which he has been removed, from the scenes of his ~~early~~ labors, we have reason for deepest gratitude, that he was permitted to live so long, and accomplish so much for the perishing ~~brethren.~~ ~~people.~~

2d. Resolved, That this Divine dispensation calls upon the church to pray more earnestly, "the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest."

3d. Resolved, That we recognize the hand of Divine Providence in the recent efforts to establish the "University of Rochester," and pledge our sympathy, contributions and prayers, for their entire success.

4th. Resolved, That while we are not opposed to a faithful translation of the Sacred Scriptures, yet as the "American Bible Union" was brought into existence in a factionary manner, and proposes to extend its operations to foreign lands, contrary to its original idea, and thus coming in direct contact with our older Society, we feel ourselves compelled to refrain from any participation in its operations, believing it will jeopardize the peace of Zion, and divide the strength of the friends of Bible distribution.

5th. Resolved, That we have entire and ~~unbounded~~ *unabated* confidence in the A. F. Bible Society, as having originated in Divine Providence, as having been eminently blessed of God, in giving the word of Life to the destitute, and from the principle on which it is based, adopted to meet all the wants of those destitute of the Bible either at home or in foreign lands

6th. Resolved, That we most affectionately request our churches to attend punctually to the monthly concert for prayer for the spread of the gospel, and to endeavor by all proper means to excite and strengthen a missionary spirit among our people; and that they engage with renewed energy and zeal in promoting the interests of foreign and domestic missions, which at this moment loudly call for the best exertions, the fervent intercessions, and the liberal donations of every Christian.

7th. Resolved, That the churches of this Association be earnestly solicited to increase the amount of their contributions to the funds of the Convention, to enable them to meet the pressing calls of feeble churches in our own State, and destitute portions of North America.

8th. Whereas, The Baptist General Tract Society has enlarged the sphere of operations, so as also to embrace the publication of Sunday School Books, and such other books as are adapted to the wants of the denomi-

nation, and has taken the name of "The American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society;" and whereas, the circulation of Tracts and S. S. Books is a means in the dissemination of truth and the subversion of error, therefore, Resolved, That we consider it the duty of the churches to give the above Society their cordial support.

9th. Resolved, That the religious education of the young, is a duty commending itself to every parental and christian feeling; that this Association hail with gratitude the increasing interest manifested by christians generally in Sunday School instruction, and the tokens of enlarged success with which God is prospering that institution; and that they commend to all the churches of this body the establishment and increase of these schools, to be furnished with good libraries, and to receive regular visits from the pastor.

10th. Resolved, That any member of this Association who may attend Associations with which we correspond shall be considered our delegate, provided he presents a copy of our last minutes containg his name.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. BACON, *Ch'n*.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported.—  
Report accepted and adopted.

#### REPORT:

The Committee on religious exercises report, that bro. Matthews, agent of Free Mission Society, have 10 minutes to present the claims of his Society, and that his remarks be confined to his own Society without speaking in opposition to the Missionary Union, and that bros. Halstead and Mallory have each 10 minutes to present their respective objects.

Respectfully submitted,

C. WARDNER, *Ch'n* Committee.

Minutes read and approved.

Bro. A. C. Mallory, deputed agent of the Publication Society, respectfully declined making any remarks.

The Missionary committee reported a deficiency on the part of the Association to meet the pledges of last year, when at the suggestion of bro. Sydney of Ithaca, (who offered to pay \$5 of the amount, if it was made up,) a cheerful and voluntary contribution was made by several brothers and sisters, and the deficiency was promptly made up, amounting to \$61,34.

The hour having arrived for preaching, business was suspended to listen to a discourse from our venerable father Bennet, upon the death of Adoniram Judson, D. D., from 2 Tim. 4-5. "I have finished my course."

Voted that the Treasurer pay over the money in his hands to the agent of the several Societies.

Auditing committee report that they find the Treasurers' account correct, as far as made out.

Voted, That bro. Spink, be a Committee to audit the remainder of the Treasurer's report.

Voted, That the Clerks superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Voted, That we recommend to the respective churches of the Association, that on the second Sabbath of January, a sermon be preached on the subject of Missions, and a collection taken up for the Missionary Union.

Voted, That we feel p'ease in giving a public expression of our gratitude for the kind attention and hospitality of the friends and brethren in Covert, and also to the Choir for their appropriate and delightful music.

Voted, That we adjourn to meet with the Baptist church in Romulus, on the first Wednesday in October, 1850, at 10½ o'clock. Closing prayer by the moderator.

T. S. SHEARDOWN, Moderator.

W. CORMAC, }  
H. WEST. } Clerks.

### Rules of Order.

1. The preacher of the introductory sermon, at each session of the Association, shall preside till a Moderator be chosen.
2. The Moderator and clerks shall be chosen by nomination, or by ballot, as the Association may direct.
3. Ministering and other brethren present, invited to a seat in the Association, may debate on all subjects, but vote on none.
4. No person shall speak more than twice upon any motion, unless by special permission of the Moderator.
5. Every proposition submitted to the Association for discussion, must be put in the form of a motion, and is not open for debate until seconded.
6. No motion shall be discussed in the meetings of the Association, if a majority of the members present are opposed to its discussion.
7. The Moderator shall nominate all committees, unless the Association direct otherwise.
8. The Minutes of the Association shall be published immediately after the Annual Meeting, and the names of all the Ministers in the Association, ordained or licentiate, with the names of all delegates who are present shall also be published.
9. As much time shall be reserved for preaching as is consistent with other business.
10. The following Order of Business shall be observed at each meeting of the body :

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### Order of Business.

1. The Introductory Services and Organization.
2. The appointment of a committee on Religious Exercises.
3. The collecting of the letters from the churches.
4. The Reading of the Rules of Order.
5. The reading of the Letters from the churches.
6. The reception of applications for admission to the Assoc'n.
7. The appointment of the following committees, viz.: A committee on the Circular Letter. A committee on the State of Religion. A committee on corresponding Minutes. A Prudential committee whose duty it shall be to recommend the place for the next session; the preacher of the Introductory Sermon; the writer of the Circular Letter; the delegates to the convention and other Religious Societies, and the Corresponding Secretary.
8. Reception of communications from corresponding bodies.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Any article of the above may be suspended for the consideration of other duties, by a vote of the Association.

## DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT:

Dr.

Balance in my hands due depository as reported  
in last year's Minutes

\$24,24

1850—Oct. 3d : To am't of sales, Bibles, Books, &c

97,55

Cash received,

\$121,79

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1849—Nov. 16th : By cash p'd L. Colby, on ac't

for Books,

\$20 00

Gammel's History of Missions

7,00

1850—Jan. 21st : L. Colby, balance due him,

32,02

Freight on box of Books,

1,61

July 11th : L. Colby's bill Books,

12,30

\$72,93—72,93

Balance in my hands due Depository

\$48,86

There is due the A. & F. Bible Society, for Bibles, &c.,

\$173,63

There is due the Depository for Bibles and books

taken out by the Pastors and others, to sell,

108,34

Balance in my hands,

48,87—157,21

When the above is paid the Depository will owe

\$16,42

It is hoped the above balances will be handed in soon.

The American and Foreign Bible Society made a donation to the churches in the Association last Fall, of seventy-five Bibles and two hundred Testaments. Most of them have been distributed; there are a few of each remaining; any of the churches that have not received their quota, can procure them by calling on the Subscriber.

A good supply of Bibles, Testaments, Hymn Books, Tracts, Religious and Theological books, and the Baptist Almanac, for 1851, will be kept on hand.

Should the churches wish to procure the Baptist Missionary Magazine, or the Macedonian, for 1851, they will please send me a statement of the number of copies of each wanted, together with the pay, by the first of December next, they will be sent to Geneva in packages directed to some individual for each church on the following terms, viz:

|                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Single copies of the Magazine, \$1.00 | Six copies of the Macedonian, \$1.00 |
| 4 " " " 3 00                          | 24 " " " 3 00                        |
| 15 " " " 10 00                        | 40 " " " 5 00                        |
|                                       | 100 " " " 10 00                      |

To the above add Express charges from Geneva to this place, which will be but trifling.

Trumansburg, Oct., 1850.

JAMES McLALLEN,

Depository Agent.

## CHURCHES.

## MINUTES.

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| 1st Hector,                   | do | 7.25  | 10.00                           | 1.18                               | 17    | 26 |
| Danby                         | do | 3.50  |                                 | 40                                 | 3     | 50 |
| Bennettville                  | do | 2.50  | 3.55                            | 1.44                               | 17    | 49 |
| Mecklenburg                   | do | 1.75  |                                 | 5.00                               | 76    | 75 |
| Covert                        | do |       |                                 | 130.00                             | 93    | 38 |
| Romulus                       | do | 20.94 | 32.50                           | 78.25                              | 129   | 40 |
| Lodi                          | do |       |                                 | 26.63                              | 21    | 37 |
| Sister Abigail Hands, Covert, |    |       |                                 |                                    | 5     | 00 |
| Sister Sarah Hall,            | do |       |                                 |                                    | 5     | 00 |
| Nathan Hall,                  | do |       |                                 |                                    | 5     | 00 |
| James McLallen,               |    |       |                                 | 5.00 one sub. for life membership. |       |    |
| Jefferson church,             |    | 14.00 |                                 | 1.13                               | 14    | 00 |
| Collection at Association,    |    | 28.00 |                                 |                                    | 28    | 00 |
| Special collection,           |    | 61.34 |                                 |                                    | 61    | 34 |
| Newfield church,              |    |       |                                 | 50                                 |       |    |
| Ithaca                        | do |       |                                 | 2.00                               |       |    |
|                               |    |       | 33.10                           |                                    |       |    |
|                               |    | 54.69 | 72.00 168.44 27.45 426.94 73.88 | 37.62 30.00 120.65                 | \$913 | 67 |

\*For the support of children in NewGong Orphan Institution, named Alfred Bennett. †To constitute Roswell Holden life member. ‡To constitute Rev. H. West L. M. ||The Ithaca church have a receipt from the Treasurer of the Missionary Union for \$38, and \$16 for Am. S. S. Union.

N. B. The money for minutes not included in the footings.

JAMES McLALLEN, Treasurer.

### Missionary Committee.

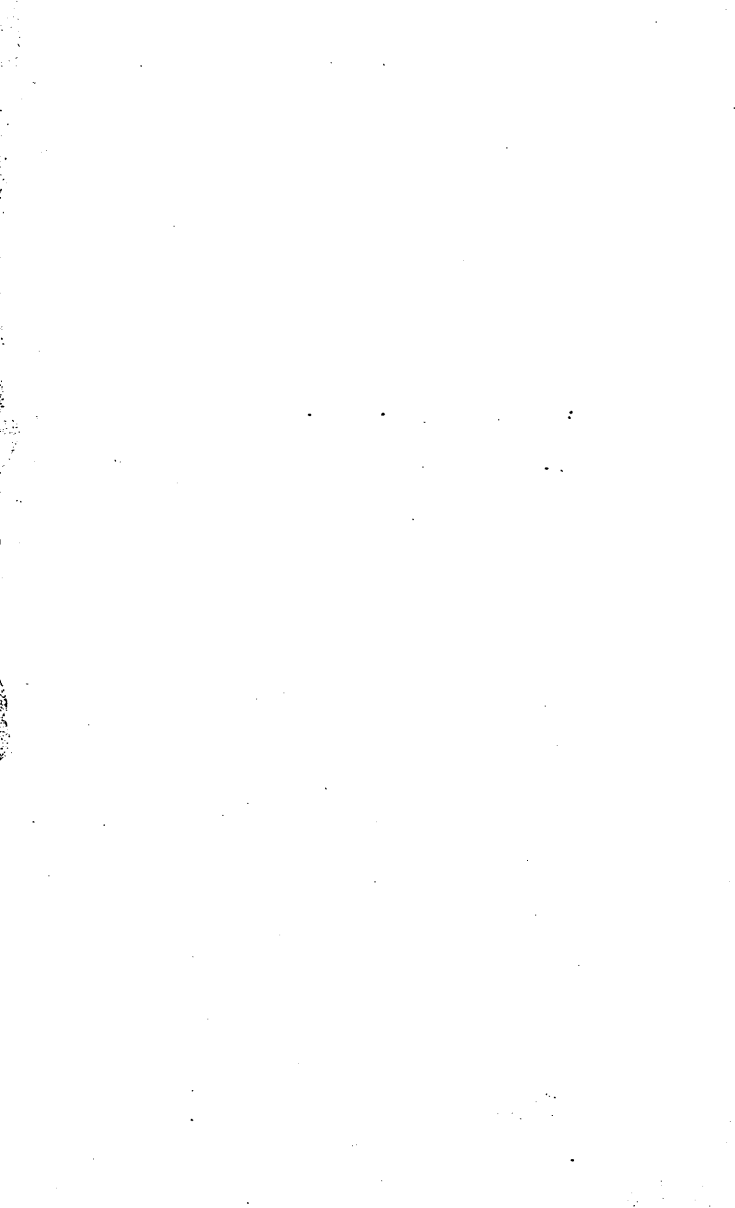
REV. CHAUNCEY WARDNER, Covert.

“ WM. CORMAC, Ithaca.

“ DAVID TAYLOR, Ovid.

“ C. L. BACON, Trumansburg.





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